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PROPOSED FRENCH AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION
ON KOREA

REF: STATE 223406 (USUN 15346)

1. AFTER COORDINATING WITH ROK OBSERVER, USUN ON SEPTEMBER 19 INFORMED REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL TACTICS FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA(UK, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, NETHERLANDS, AND CANADA) INDIVIDUALLY OF US PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (ROK, US, PRC AND DPRK.) ADDITIONALLY, WE INFORMED WG MEMBERS OF POSITIVE US REACTION TO AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY FRENCH AND ASKED THEM TO URGE CLEAR FRENCH COMMITMENT TO ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 20, USUN EXPLAINED SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE TO MISSION OF FRANCE AND DELIVERED TEXT OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION INCORPORATING FRENCH AMENDMENTS AND OUR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THEM. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN STRESSED TO PERM REP DE GUIRINGAUD OUR STRONG HOPE THAT FRANCE WILL COSPONSOR

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THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, PROVIDED THE OTHER COSPONSORS

AGREE TO ACCEPT THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS WITH OUR MINOR CHANGES.
DE GUIRINGAUD REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE PROPOSAL THAT
FRANCE COSPONSOR, BUT COULD NOT COMMIT HIS GOVERNMENT
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PARIS. FRENCH MADE CLEAR INFORMALLY,
HOWEVER, THAT FRANCE WOULD SUPPORT AND LOBBY FOR FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION AND VOTE AGAINST AND ACTIVELY OPPOSE HOSTILE
RESOLUTION. FRENCH SAY THEIR FORMAL REACTION MAY BE
EXPECTED AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES ARRIVES IN
NEW YORK P.M. SEPTEMBER 22.

3. TEXT OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION INCORPORATING FRENCH
AMENDMENTS WITH PROPOSED US CHANGES FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND THE HOPE EXPRESSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN ITS RESOLUTION 333 (XXIX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1974,

DESIRING THAT PROGRESS BE MADE
TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF THE GOAL OF PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION
OF KOREA ON THE BASIS OF THE FREELY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE
KOREAN PEOPLE,

RECALLING ITS SATISFACTION WITH THE ISSUANCE
OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT SEOUL AND PYONGYANG ON 4 JULY
1972 AND THE DECLARED INTENTION OF BOTH THE SOUTH AND THE
NORTH OF KOREA TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THEM,

FURTHER RECALLING THAT BY ITS RESOLUTION 711 (VII), ADOPTED
ON 28 AUGUST 1953, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTED WITH APPROVAL
THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 27 JULY 1953, AND THAT, IN
ITS RESOLUTION 811 (IX) OF 11 NOVEMBER 1954, IT EXPRESSLY
TOOK NOTE OF THE PROVISION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT
WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT
UNTIL EXPRESSLY SUPERSEDED EITHER BY MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS OR BY PROVISION IN AN APPROPRIATE
AGREEMENT FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AT A POLITICAL
LEVEL BETWEEN BOTH SIDES,

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AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT TENSION
IN KOREA HAS NOT BEEN TOTALLY ELIMINATED AND THAT THE ARMISTICE
AGREEMENT REMAINS INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE
AND SECURITY IN THE AREA,

NOTING THE LETTER OF 27 JUNE 1975, ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AFFIRMING THAT IT IS PREPARED TO TERMINATE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND ON 1 JANUARY 1976, PROVIDED THAT THE OTHER PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AGREE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF THE COMMAND THAT THEY WILL REGARD ALL PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AS CONTINUING IN FORCE,

NOTING THE STATEMENT OF 27 JUNE 1975 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AFFIRMING ITS WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENT TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT,

RECOGNIZING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, THE UNITED NATIONS HAS A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE ATTAINMENT OF THIS GOAL ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA,

1. REAFFIRMS THE WISHES OF ITS MEMBERS EXPRESSED IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON 28 NOVEMBER 1973, AND URGES BOTH THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE TO EXPEDITE THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA;
2. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT ALL OF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WILL, AT AN EARLY DATE, ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TOWARDS NEW ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD REPLACE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND REDUCE TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.
3. URGES, AS A FIRST STEP, THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO ENSURE CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE FULL MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THIS AREA, TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, IN ORDER THAT THE UNITED NATIONS
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COMMAND MAY BE DISSOLVED IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT;

4. EXPRESSES THE FURTHER HOPE THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE COMPLETED AND ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE IN ORDER THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND MAY BE DISSOLVED ON 1 JANUARY 1976, SO THAT, AT THIS DATE, NO FORCES WOULD REMAIN IN THE SOUTH OF KOREA UNDER THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS .
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